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PROVIDING A DISTRIBUTED FILE  
SYSTEM UTILIZING METADATA TO  
TRACK INFORMATION ABOUT DATA  
STORED THROUGHOUT THE SYSTEM  
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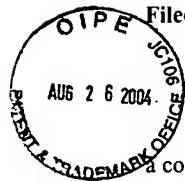
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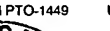
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